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Norma Mather, Chairman

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a. Name of Chapter and number of current members
b. When and where chapter meetings are held
c. Types of programs held and any special programs presented
d. Special guests at meetings during the year
e. Numismatic exhibits at meetings and other locations
f. Charitable and/or civic activities and donations
g. Coin shows and other numismatic activities
h. Description of how meetings and shows are publicized
i. Special honors bestowed upon the Chapter or any member
j. Summation of ideas the Chapter has adopted to encourage numismatics, increase interest, and encourage junior memberships and participation

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President's Message

Joe Olson

We had a wonderful Board meeting on September 19, 1993. New memberships in the past six months have totalled 153. A hearty WELCOME and THANK YOU to one and all. It is a pleasure to report that, to put it another way, our membership has increased by over 26% during such time.

The TNA Board voted to explore the possibility of a jointly sponsored show with either the government of Mexico or the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico. Walt Woelper reported that initial interest was expressed by our neighbors to the south. A committee, chaired by Mac Kennady and including Walt, Helen Snider and Chris Keogh, has been formed to further investigate the matter.

Paul Garner received a special note of THANKS for his generous contributions of advertisements, money and labor at our most recent two TNA conventions. Paul has always worked tirelessly on behalf of TNA and has graciously sposored the Emily B. Garner Award for junior numismatists. Additionally, Paul is an accomplished numismatic scholar and author. We look forward to him sharing his wealth of knowledge in the TNA News. Paul, please accept our THANKS for all you have done.

Mac Kennady reported that TNA received nearly $5000 in royalties from the recent convention. We are grateful to Mac, Everett Hull and Chris Keogh for their fine efforts.

The Board also received outstanding reports from Leo DeLand on the library, David Burke on the numismatic video library, and Bob Metzger on the TNA News publishing schedule. Each of you deserves a standing ovation. Summaries of the three reports are as follows:

1) The Board voted to conduct an auction of all superfluous library material, to be held in conjunction with the next TNA convnetion, in May 1994. A committee comprised of Leo, Helen Snider, Chris Keogh, Lyman Bartee and Bob Metzger was formed to work out the details of what will be sold and how the sale will be handled. The preliminary plan is to have lot viewing and a live auction at the convention, with mail bids accepted up until the sale. Donations of additional sale material will be welcomed and acknowledged. Watch these pages for further details!

2) Everett Hull graciously offered to loan TNA his numismatic video library for review and possible use. Everett, Chris Keogh and David Burke will be working together on expanding the services offered by TNA. Thanks to all three of you for your innovative ideas and efforts.

3) The Board voted to accept Bob Metzger's recommendation to continue to publish the TNA News on a bimonthly basis. Bob reported that each issue is approximately 25% larger and is being published at 65% of the prior (monthly) issues' cost. GREAT JOB, Bob.

If you would like to be associated with any TNA committees, please let any of the officers know. We need you.

From the 1st Vice President...

Leo DeLand

DEADLINES! Ever pressing onward and upward (or should that be skyward?), there are always things which, one way or another, have to get done. All this blabbering has to do with the writing of these bimonthly comments - that's a deadline which looks so far out in the future until it gets reallll close. Then I know Bob Metzger is expecting a contribution - and, psychologically, I feel my arm being twisted to say, do or write something, even if it's right (write!).

FACTS FROM THE PAST: Did you know Charlie? His last name was Magne - you might have heard of him as Charlemagne! He lived from 742 to 814, was king of the Franks and emperor of the Romans. After many successful military actions, he controlled most of Europe. He, and his father before him, were strong supporters of the Roman Church and their generosity kept it the dominant religion. The history books regard Charlemagne as the forerunner of Napoleon and Hitler. He was a big man, standing six feet, four inches tall and weighing 270 pounds. A fierce fighter - the medieval forerunner of Sylvester Stallone - he very rarely spoke to his victims. Unlike husky voiced Stallone, Charlemagne had a little squeaky voice, which was a major embarrassment. When he spoke, his voice sounded like that of a young girl. Also amusing is that the father of this huge muscle man was called Pepin, or "the Short," for he was shorter than most women, standing about the same size as a young girl. One talked like a little girl, the other looked like a little girl. And that, dear members, is your history lesson for this time.

Continuing on the Spoof of the Period from the last TNA News. The author was proven correct because gold did go both up and down. Please keep in mind that these prognostications are those of the author, and are totally and unequivocally disassociated from, by and with TNA, now and forever hereafter. Material received in the mail shows that gold usage is up and exceeds production. It's the old economics law of supply and demand. If you has de demand and I has not de supply, de price she go up, up and away, like Superman did when we were both much younger. An ad I saw recently says that if you had 28 twenty dollar Liberty gold pieces in 1933, you could purchase a brand new car (at face value of $560.00) If you had the same 28 double eagles today, you could purchase a brand new car (at $13,020, with the coins valued currently at $465.00 each). Did you notice that things that change never change? It sure proves the golden rule: Dem what has de gold rules!

This is being written in late August, before our TNA Board meeting to be held in Austin on September 19. I gotta tell you, it's been hotter than a festered goober - all the dadgummed water (rain) has been up north (like they need more), the cracks in my yard are so bad. How bad are they, you ask? They're so bad, I lost one of my shoes, which was

gobbled up by one of the narrower cracks in the clay soil so prevalent in the north Texas area. Thought I could locate the shoe with my metal detector (you know, from the metal shoestring rings) - never found the shoe, but did locate a 1913 nickel. Now, is that luck or what? That was what, because it sure wasn't luck (and it sure wasn't true, either).

In rereading the stuff above about the twenty dollar Liberty gold pieces - how many do you have? If it takes 28 to get a new car, I'm gonna start saving right away because, as of today, I'm only 29 short (and, according to my wife, my elevator doesn't go all the way to the roof, either).

Hope you enjoyed our last relaxing stretch out over the Labor Day weekend and are ready to take on the challenges and changes of autumn. Smell the roses! For this time, I'd like to leave you with the famous Irish blessing: "May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

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A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

Well, did you make it to this year's annual ANA Convention in Baltimore? The official figures state that more than 16,000 folks did. I was one of them - I burned up three and a half vacation days, packed into a modest hotel room with three other numismaniacs and had a great time. Yeah, it cost me a few bucks, but education isn't free. I saw some awesome exhibits, heard some fascinating speakers and saw some spectacular presentations. I got to talk face-to-face to some of the most knowledgable (and well-known) figures in the hobby. Contrary to the concern I expressed last issue, my brain didn't overflow. I guess it must have started out emptier than I had thought.

The funny thing about the ANA show is that I always wind up spending substantially less time on the bourse floor than in the various club meetings and programs. This actually works out very well, since I never have much money to spend there anyway. This year I attended meetings of the Token and Medal Society, Society of Paper Money Collectors, Civil War Token Society, Early American Coppers, Numismatic Bibliomania Society, and the Numismatic Literary Gulld. Most of these meetings were short on business and long on progam. Great stuff, too. I watched the World Series of Numismatics, checking to see how my knowledge compared to that of the players. (Duh.) I served as an exhibit judge in the Tokens category, and tested for and was certified in two additional categories: Numismatic Literature and Western Americana. I heard over a half dozen talks on a variety of topics, by speakers ranging from 16-year-old wonder, John Kraljevich, to Eric Newman, who reminisced on his 75 years in the hobby. That's how you can cram four people into a hotel room; you're in the room only to sleep, and you're so exhausted when you get to the room, you can sleep standing up. Which can be a useful skill.

Okay, maybe this isn't everyone's idea of the perfect vacation. Of course, not everyone goes the budget route like I do, either. I don't know the names of all the 16,000+ people that passed through the show, but I did see quite a few familiar faces. In fact, I spotted more than a few TNA members. Fellow exhibit judges included frequent TNA News contributor Col. Bill Murray, TNA Youth Chairman Ralph Ross and former TNA 2nd Vice President Mike Greenspan. District 15 Governor Jerry Williams was there to get his 25-year ANA pin. District 4 Governor Lyman Bartee, and ex-District 10 Governor Walt Woelper were there, too. Betty Medlar performed at the NLG Bash. (Ask her about it.) Rocky Rockholt and I comprised 50% of the gang of four in room 913. TNA District News reporters Barbara Edwards and Ken Seholm were on the scene. Alamo Coin Club President Wayne Gordon made it. Copper fanatic (and kindred spirit) Judy Matherne was still wide awake as midnight approached on Saturday during the McCawley &

Grellman copper-only auction. Half-dime specialist and author Al Blythe rode the same shuttle back to the airport on Sunday as I did. Clyde Hubbard came in from Mexico and Davis Burnett came in from abroad as well. TNA member-dealers were well represented as well. Spotted behind bourse tables were: David and Ginger Pike (Liberty Coins), Coleman Foster, Hanks & Associates, McQueeny Coins (Bruce, Dorothy and Lew), Billy Masters, John Rowe, Ken Ferguson, Casey Noxon, and Cedar Park's other TNAer, Al Mincho. (He thinks I'm the "other" one.) I could have sworn I saw Larry Spence - it's hard to miss that hat. And attracting an audience of copper lovers both at his table and at the previously mentioned auction, was Oklahoma TNAer Chris McCawley. I'm sure there are other TNA folks I've overlooked; I'm really sorry if I missed mentioning you here (especially if I talked to you). I really did try to write all this stuff down as it happened, but nobody's prefetc.

The bottom line: If you like being confident in your knowledge of the coins you collect (and for which you spend your hard-earned money); if you'd like to meet and talk to the major numismatic researchers, writers, collectors and dealers of the 20th (and 21st!) centuries; if you'd like to swap stories and ideas with a group of collectors who specialize in the same area or areas of numismatics as you do; then make it a point to participate in an ANA summer convention. It took me many, many years to get up the nerve (and discipline myself to earmark the funds) to go to one; in the last five years, I've missed only one. They are truly awesome. But watch out - they're addicting.

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Some non-ANA postscripts are in order. Austinite Jeffrey Meyer, a degreed historian (really!), has volunteered to serve as TNA Historian. Please read Jeffrey's column in this issue, and give him all the support you can by sending him any news clippings, articles, photos, etc. of Texas-related numismatic happenings. I hope you also have noticed that since the TNA election, nearly all the vacant District Governorships have been filled. Next, I want to mention that I have recently gotten numerous inquiries regarding advertising in the newsletter, as well as a new full page ad and a new Club Directory listing. Twenty different clubs, representing twelve of the seventeen TNA districts, sent one or more meeting reports since the last issue, much to my delight. Finally, due to my an unexpected overrun of a few dozen copies of the August issue by my printer (the excellent Alamo Printing, in Austin), I mailed out a handful of complimentary copies to people all over the country (mostly, my ANA buddies). At least two new memberships (from Pennsylvania and Ohio) have resulted. The point of all this? There seems to be a lot of excitement about numismatics in Texas and, in particular, about our organization right now. Let's keep that momentum going. Tell a friend. Bring that friend to your local club meeting. Lend him or her your copy of the TNA News. Whenever and however you can, support and promote numismatics, your local clubs and TNA.

Remembering a Past Convention

(an Introduction)

by Bob Metzger

In mid-March of this year, with the Texas Numismatic Association's 35th convention rapidly approaching, I received a very intriguing letter from long-time TNA member Frank O'Sullivan of San Antonio. For four handwritten pages, Frank recounted memories of the 10th TNA convention, held in San Antonio in 1968, for which he served as General Chairman. The following is excerpted, transposed (and lightly edited) from his remarkable missive:

6 March 1993

Dear Bob

The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with a forthcoming 25th anniversary which merits feature mention in the TNA News. This is the 10th TNA convention, held in San Antonio June 17-19, 1968 during HemisFair '68 - the Texas World's Fair. A number of events in connection with this convention were of significant importance not only to Texas numismatics, but also to the entire numismatic fraternity.

We invited the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, James Conlon, and his family as guests, and probably due to the added attraction offered by the World's Fair he accepted and brought with him the spider press and the "Billion Dollar Exhibit" of large denomination currency, used for internal transfer within the banking system.

Our convention was in the Gunter Hotel, and for the very first time, U.S. currency was printed outside the BEP - in this hotel on June 17, 1968. This has since become a feature of most major conventions, and the people of Texas should be aware that it originated here in the Lone Star State.

Also for the first time the "Billion Dollar Exhibit," brought along by Jim Conlon's crew, was featured in the lobby of the Kelly Field National Bank of San Antonio, at its branch located in Kelly Air Force Base. Of interest is the fact that this display was so relatively unknown at this time that when we first offered it for display at a downtown bank across the street from the convention hotel, the bank official refused because he didn't believe such existed!

As you can see from the enclosed flyer, this convention also marked the initial issuance of medals relating to TNA. They were sold at the convention and also by a major local bank to World's Fair visitors, with profits contributed to TNA. They were so successful that 3 consecutive mintages were struck before the dies were destroyed. Their success was probably due in large part to the public's lack of acceptance of the official World's Fair medal, which was designed by a British artist and visiting professor at a local college. The official medal was singularly inappropriate to San Antonio - a city which history tells us has had a dozen battles within its city limits over the past 300 years. The obverse featured a flying Dove of Peace and the reverse, a clenched fist reminiscent of the old IWW (International Workers of the World) symbol, a communist-front organization of the World War I era! No wonder this official medal was a flop - but it certainly contributed to the success of our TNA medals.

Other notable guests included Ollie Amos, founder and publisher of Coin World, and Cliff Mishler of Krause Publications, both were so impressed that they contributed a year's subscription to their numismatic publications to the San Antonio Public Library System and to all the local colleges and universities. Other prominent attendees included the late Bob Medlar (who was at that time located

THE 1968 TEXAS TRIPLE COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

Common Reverse

Obverse A

Obverse B

The two medals in this set compose the first TRIPLE COMMEMORATIVE SET ever issued, so-called because they mark three different anniversaries of numismatic importance all occurring during 1968 in San Antonio, Texas. These medals are slightly larger than a silver dollar and are struck in moderate high relief on 12 guage metal. They are available in several different alloys.

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Obverse A commemorates the 150th ANNIVERSARY OF SAN ANTONIO'S MINT which struck the only known coinage during Spanish Colonial days in what is today an American city. This unique numismatic event occurred in 1818 when Jose Antonio Garza minted copper coins in the stone building shown on the face of this medal. Immediately above the building are the two faces of the Garza coins. On one side are the initials J.A.G. and the date 1818. On the other side is the famous LONE STAR of Texas, and of great interest is the fact that this constitutes the very first known use of the LONE STAR as the symbol of Texas!

Obverse B commemorates the 250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SAN ANTONIO IN 1718. The tiny Spanish Presidio of that era has today become a metropolis of nearly a million inhabitants, the 14th city in size of the United States. This obverse features the city's 1968 skyline, centered about the TOWER OF THE AMERICAS. This theme structure of the TEXAS WORLD'S FAIR is the tallest building west of the Mississippi River, and is also the world's tallest reinforced concrete tower. The view from its observation decks and restaurants covers over 30,000 square miles.

So important are the three events commemorated, so appropriate the designs, and so artistic the compositions that the U. S. Treasury Department has taken the unprecedented step of authorizing the striking of a limited number of gold proof sets of these medals for presentation purposes to appropriate recipients. This NUMISMATIC FIRST set of medals was conceived, researched and conceptually designed by the noted Texas numismatist Frank O'Sullivan, General Chairman of the 10th Convention of the Texas Numismatic Association.

10th CONVENTION MEDALS

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This flyer describing the medals was produced as part of the publicity campaign for the convention. It not only pictures the medals, but also describes the significance of the various design elements.

in Lubbock but became so impressed with the San Antonio scene that he moved here shortly afterward), and U.S. Assay Commission member Roy Renderer.

Most of the other principals of the convention are no longer with us. Freeman Craig was our financial officer and helped me fund the issuance of the medals, which paid for the convention. Larry Murrell was Bourse Chairman, and received many accolades from attending dealers, who stated that this was the most successful convention they had ever attended in Texas - including ANA! Al Naumann was Publicity Chairman. He composed the narrative of the flyer for the medal and conducted a most successful newspaper and numismatic press publicity campaign. The sketches of the medal that appear in the flyer were done by Stan Rupert, a prominent San Antonio dealer of that era. Others who helped make this endeavor such a success were Ernie Price, the president of the now extinct Lone Star Coin Club of San Antonio, and who later served as TNA District VII Governor, and Doc Gaskill, a retired Army physician who headed the San Antonio Coin Club. Also on hand was prominent local collector Grace Curtis, who claimed to own, among other choice items, an 1804 silver dollar. The exhibits were enhanced by Amon Carter's rarest American coins, and even included a European exhibit by a dealer from Luxembourg, specializing in ancients.

The only principals who are still alive beside myself are Ray and Mary Jane Whyborn, who at the time had just transferred from California to San Antonio, and contributed immeasurably to the success of the endeavor, starting then their great influence on the course of TNA events in later years. And last but not least, is Mac Kennady, who was originally selected as General Chairman of the convention, but shortly after the planning stage was transferred to Austin; I was voted in to succeed him as General Chairman.

The late Tom Bain of Dallas was TNA Convention Coordinator and helped so much in putting on this show. Tom was posthumously voted into the TNA Hall of Fame the same year I was, undoubtedly in large measure due to the favorable impact the 1968 Texas World's Fair convention had on the course of numismatics in the Southwest.

I think that this now ancient story should be related to the present membership of TNA, and perhaps inspire the continued renaissance of the hobby in our area. There are other interesting facts and anecdotes that I haven't related. If you wish to secure further information, I suggest you get in touch with Mac Kennady and Ray Whyborn in order to ensure a great write-up of this convention - which to us "old timers" will always be the apex of numismatic events.

Sincerely,

Frank O'Sullivan

This indeed sounded like a great story, so I talked to both Mac and Ray, as Frank had suggested, and provided them with photocopies of Frank's letter so they could see what information he had already provided. I contacted TNA Secretary Barbara Lowell, who was able to provide me with an almost complete set (anybody have a spare March issue?) of the 1968 volume of the TNA News and a convention program. District XIV Governor Helen Snider provided me with a copy of the convention's auction catalog. Frank had, as he mentioned in his letter, provided me with a copy of the promotional flier for the medals (which, incidentally, Mac tells me were never formally adopted as "official" TNA medals by the Board of Directors). Armed with all this material, I prepared to try to assemble everything into some sort of cohesive article. Then, in July, I received a large envelope from Ray. I opened it to find nine and a half double-spaced typewritten pages of information

about the 1968 convention, tucked neatly behind a cover letter that indicated that copies of all the enclosed material had also been sent to Frank. I have once again taken the liberty to make some minor editorial changes to Ray's letter, but the text was essentially as follows:

17 July 1993

Dear Bob,

I am not going to try to duplicate what Frank O'Sullivan has already written. He did a fine job and his message should be used virtually "as is."

What I have done is expand on a couple of events that were quite close to me personally. Getting some of the world class exhibits and the spider press from the BEP for a TNA convention was a real accomplishment for me and it started a tradition that has lasted for 25 years.

The AMC and MPC exhibit was also a first at the 10th convention. The fact that the BEP really thought it was complete and then didn't have the material among their archives to complete the exhibit after they found out what was missing was quite interesting and should be an interesting story.

It would be nice if you could get Frank to expand on how he got permission from the Treasury Department to strike ten 999 gold medals for the first time since 1933, especially at a time when no individual or organization was even allowed to own gold coins dated after 1933. I don't know enough of the story to expand on it, but we should get it well documented while we can. It was a real accomplishment at the time, and he should get full credit for his ability. In fact, he is the reason so many extraordinary things were accomplished at that convention. He was a military officer and knew how to get the best out of his staff. He chose his staff wisely, gave them incentive, then got out of their way and let them do their tasks. He was a great motivator and it was a real pleasure to serve under him. He seemed to be pleased with the way I worked with the Director of the BEP, and that certainly made me proud.

If you wish, you may run my AMC/MPC exhibit story and the spider press story seperately, or you may serialize them with Frank's write-up. You are the editor, so you decide what's best.

As always, my very warmest regards,

Ray Whyborn

Such a deal. A ready made article with ample level of detail, beyond what was even available in the pages of the 1968 TNA News, in many cases. As mentioned in Ray's letter, there were still a few areas where it would be nice to have some more detail, but I felt that there certainly was sufficient information to make a dandy article for the current generation of TNA News readers. As I worked toward completion of the August newsletter, I put all this aside, deciding to prepare what I could of it for publication in the October issue. A few weeks later, as I began work on the October issue, I received another letter from Frank, which he had also copied to both Mac Kennady and Ray Whyborn. Once again, with a few editorial adjustments, here is the text of that letter:

11 August 1993

Dear Bob,

I returned from vacation to find in my accumulated mail Ray Whyborn's letter of 17 July to you, and his attached account of some of the highlights of the 1968 TNA World's Fair convention in San Antonio. I reviewed Ray's account thoroughly and heartily concur in his recollections, with slight addenda concerning medals.

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Common Reverse

Obverse B

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10th CONVENTION MEDALS

P.O. BOX 5526 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78201

The medals were so well liked that demand for them continued even after the convention. This very interesting advertisement occupied all of page 16 in the August, 1968 issue of the TNA News. Annual TNA convention medals have been produced ever since.

Concerning the medals twelve gold medals were struck The first one was on a 24K gold planchet The metal was so soft that repeated strikes were necessary and it was decided to issue the remaining eleven medals in 18K The designs were by me They were engraved into the dies by the Miami Medal Manufacturing Company (I don't know the engraver's name The details of the medal issuance were taken care of by Al Naumann, who was Deputy General Chairman and was in charge of implementing the medal program, in addition to being in charge of publicity for the convention)

Of the twelve medals struck, two were donated to the Daughters of the Texas Revolution for display in the Alamo Museum and, as far as I know, are still there Two were presented to the TNA at the next convention in 1969 I was unable to make it, so Ray presented them to the then TNA president, who I believe was Bill Brothers As far as I know, these two gold medals have been passed on to successive presidents ever since then Ray should know for sure

In 1971, at the ANA's annual convention in Washington, D C , I presented two medals to the ANA As far as I know, these are still in the ANA museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Two medals were for the Witte Memorial Museum in San Antonio and somehow wound up in the coin market, where they were acquired by the late Bob Medlar for his collection of Texana I do not know what has happened to them since Bob's death His widow, Betty, should be aware of their disposition.

Two medals were presented to me, as the person responsible for their conception, design and execution In addition, the 24K medal was presented to me by the manufacturer's representative at the convention, one Roy Renderer of Miami. He also presented the final gold medal to Al Naumann, who had dealt with him on the details of the total issuance of gold, silver, bronze, copper and nickel medals, which totalled thousands Al died of Alzheimer's disease, and his widow never could find the medal, nor any of the detail records of the mintage totals

Now, as Ray mentions in his letter, we come to the tricky part - the authorization to strike the gold medals In the early 1930's, during FDR's first term, the U S stopped gold coinage, recalled all gold, and strictly forbade any gold issuance of any kind at all This prohibition had been in force for over thirty years at the time of our convention. To illustrate the severity of the law, the Hertzberg gold coin collection, which had been formed by a prominent San Antonio jeweler years before, had been displayed in the Witte for decades when suddenly the Secret Service, under direction from Washington, D C., raided the museum and confiscated the entire display, stating that the law had been violated by not turning the coins in to the government for melting (Note - even after the law was rescinded the collection was never returned to the museum You would think a city like San Antonio, which has four congressmen, could do better than that!)

Actually, in my case concerning the TNA convention medals, it didn't turn out to be such a big deal after all During my four years in the Pentagon, I was closely associated with an officer who later had become the Department of Defense's chief liaison to the Federal Office of Gold and Silver Operations for procurement of precious metals needed by the military I called my friend to see what he could possibly do to help me That call was a home run He found out to whom I should write, what I should say and all the bureaucratic details necessary for approval. After a few weeks, with a little follow-up on details, an official government permit was received, listing the medals and approved recipients! The rest is history

In conclusion, I have a suggestion. That is to the effect that you send the final publication of the TNA 10th convention article marked for the attention of Barbara Gregory, who is the editor and publisher of the ANA's monthly journal The Numismatist I am sure that there are very few people in the numismatic fraternity who are aware of the achievements of the TNA, and it's about time that

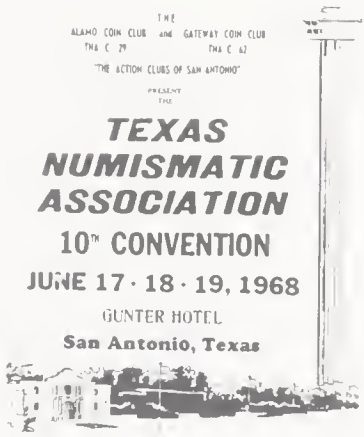
we got some credit and some respect. Maybe she'll publish excerpts.

Best regards,

Frank O'Sullivan

Frank's second letter was the proverbial icing on the cake. I truly feel this was a historically significant event. You will notice that I have called this four and half page effort an "introduction." These pages have been intended both to educate and to set the scene for Ray's reminiscences, which follow as a stand-alone article. I think it is wonderful that these gentlemen have taken the time to put all this information together for the silver anniversary of this landmark event in numismatics. My sincere thanks go out to Frank, Ray and Mac for sharing their memories, and to Barbara and Helen for their contributions of the relevant documents, which I have used both to clarify certain points in the narrative and to illustrate the articles. Putting this together has been a lot of fun, and I hope you all find this interesting and entertaining.

Regarding Frank's suggestion to submit the finished material to ANA, there is a possible problem. According to the policy statement in The Numismatist, articles submitted to that publication cannot have been submitted to other publications. I will contact the ANA and see if they can use the material in some way, but I have no idea what the result will be. Meanwhile, you can brag about TNA's rich history, and tell everyone you read it here, in the TNA News.



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The sixteen page convention program featured a greeting from TNA President Bill Brothers, a daily schedule of events, a list of 45 participating bourse dealers, and a list of members of the Convention Committee (as shown here), along with a handful of other items related to the show.

Remembering a Past Convention

by Raymond E. Whyborn, N.L.G.

This year, the 25th anniversary of the 1968 TNA convention, I was asked to recall some of the interesting events that occurred during the planning and production of that historic convention. Time has dulled some of my memories, but others are as vivid as the day they happened. Some of my fellow friends and fellow numismatists who were responsible for that great convention are no longer with us, but the fruits of their labor are still enjoyed and remembered by those of us who remain.

The following comments are some of my recollections from the 10th TNA convention, held on June 17-19, 1968 at the Gunter Hotel in downtown San Antonio, Texas:

It has been a quarter of a century since the Texas Numismatic Association, Inc. (TNA) celebrated its 10th convention. The TNA was a mere eight years old when the folks in San Antonio dedicated themselves to produce one of the best conventions ever held to honor TNA. That 10th convention was sponsored jointly by the Alamo and Gateway coin clubs of San Antonio. The San Antonio Coin Club was still active at that time, but did not participate in sponsoring the convention.

What was so special about that particular convention? First of all, any convention held in San Antonio was a treat to the attendees because the area has always been a tourist mecca that welcomes visitors and treats them royally. With a plethora of attractions and events, convention attendees are always assured of plenty of entertainment and cultural, historical, and educational fulfillment, not to mention the best Tex-Mex cuisine available anywhere. As if that were not enough, the 10th convention coincided with HemisFair '68, which was a World's Fair not only in name, but also in size, activity and world government participation, making attendance at the TNA convention even more attractive.

Several major events were worthy of commemoration during that same period and were ultimately honored on the first medal sets ever produced for a TNA convention. It was the TNA's 10th convention, even though the organization was only eight years old. It was the 150th anniversary of the Garza Mint in San Antonio, the only mint ever to strike coinage in Texas and the first to use the "Lone Star" device on any coinage. It was also the 250th anniversary of the founding of San Antonio. The TNA Board of Directors rejected an early request by the Convention Committee to use the TNA logo as a common reverse for a proposed three-medal set to honor the anniversaries noted above. The committee members, while disappointed by the Board's decision, decided to proceed with production of commemorative medals on their own because they felt it would be financially rewarding and would serve to

celebrate events that would be remembered for years to come. As a result, the financially successful 1968 convention medals were minted in pure gold, .999 silver, gold bronze, rose bronze and cupro-nickel, but do not carry the popular TNA logo.

If memory serves, private striking of gold items by either individuals or numismatic organizations, regardless of the event or occasion, had been strictly prohibited by the US government since 1933. However, special permission to strike the gold medals was obtained from the Treasury Department by Lt. Col. (USA Ret.) Frank O'Sullivan. He was authorized to have five sets (a total of ten pieces) minted in .999 gold as presentation pieces for specified recipients, including the Witte Memorial Museum, the Alamo Museum and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. But striking the gold medals is another story that would best be told by Lt. Col. O'Sullivan.

After the convention, the TNA Board of Directors realized that an annual TNA medal or set of medals had merit, and could provide additional revenue with which to operate the organization. An annual medal would also serve to recognize or commemorate historic events and places tied to the location of our annual convention. As a result, from 1969 to the present, TNA medals have been authorized and issued annually, with the TNA logo as a common reverse. Each subscriber receives a two-medal set, containing one bronze and one silver issue.

History records that our Second Vice President, Stanford M. "Mac" Kennady, was the original 1968 Convention Chairman. When occupational requirements caused Kennady to relocate to Austin during the early planning stages, Frank O'Sullivan accepted the responsibility for producing the convention. O' Sullivan surrounded himself with an extremely competent and dedicated staff of assistants. Bill Rapponotti was the Gateway Coin Club representative and Raymond E. "Ray" Whyborn represented the Alamo Coin Club.

O'Sullivan appointed Alvin C. "Al" Naumann and Ray Whyborn as assistants and special project managers. Al handled all of the publicity and worked closely with the print media and local radio and television stations. Ray was the Educational Chairman and also arranged for the noncompetitive exhibits and special events, including tours of HemisFair. The Bourse Chairman was Larry Murrell, who sold all of the tables long before the convention opened. Bexar County Reserve Deputy Sheriff Leonard Black directed security, except for the special needs of BEP (Bureau of Engraving and Printing). Lt. Col. (USAF Ret.) Freeman Craig, Sr. handled all of the finances, serving as Treasurer. Ilse Griffith was the Convention Secretary and Jan Gerhart assisted Ray Whyborn with the competitive exhibits. Bill Rapponotti handled the auction, which was awarded to Roy Villagran and Carlos Elizondo, Jr., of San Antonio's own Roy's Coin Center, Inc. The auction catalog was quite large, since coin collecting was expanding by leaps and bounds during the 1960's. The auction was well attended and was quite profitable.

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Our own Bob Medlar, renowned collector and dealer, has withdrawn his outstanding collection of Republic of Texas Paper Money from the Smithsonian Institution, so that visitors to this TNA Convention can share anad enjoy these beautiful and historical numismatic items

BOURSE
A limited number of Bourse tables are still available and those dealers desiring tables should contact Larry J. Murrell immediately. We have reserved a block of hotel rooms at the Gunter Hotel to accomadate the Bourse Dealers. Make your reservations now, otherwise the rooms will be released to numismatic visitors

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Advertisements, such as this full page example from page 17 of the April, 1968 TNA News, helped to publicize the convention. Note that the convention was held from Monday through Wednesday. Such a schedule nowadays would virtually guarantee failure.

The National Commemorative Society of Philadelphia exhibited its platinum proof coin-medals depicting the Alamo, Churchill, Pearl Harbor, Pony Express, Lewis and Clark and other popular themes and subjects. The exhibited consisted of 47 pieces that had not previously been exhibited. Another popular noncompetitive exhibit was Robert E. "Bob" Medlar's exceptional display of early Republic of Texas notes. Most of the material in that exhibit was from his private collection, and many more were the plate notes from his authoritative and definitive book, Texas Obsolete Notes and Scrip. This exhibit had been on loan to the prestigious Smithsonian Institution since 1965. The legendary William A. "Mr. Phil" Philpott, Jr., of Dallas, exhibited a tremendous amount of valuable, historic and numismatically significant paper money, including a large number of uncut sheets, which were quite scarce at the time. Mr. Phil had so much material to display that he virtually bought out a local lumber yard in San Antonio and hired a professional carpenter to construct numerous racks upon which to display his noncompetitive exhibit in the Gunter Hotel Ballroom. The competitive exhibits from fellow TNA members literally overflowed the huge ballroom reserved for them.

A very interesting and numismatically significant event occurred during the negotiations with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing - the decision to assemble and display the "Billion Dollar Treasury Exhibit" at the convention. Ray Whyborn had been assured by the Director of the BEP, James A. Conlon, that the Bureau would support the TNA convention with that exhibit, and with anything else within reason that would set the convention apart from others. Since San Antonio had numerous military bases and was home to many active duty and retired military personnel, Whyborn asked Director Conlon to put together a comprehensive exhibit of Allied Military Currency (AMC) and Military Payment Certificates (MPCs) for public display. Although AMC and MPCs had never been fully explained or exhibited by the government, Conlon agreed to assemble an exhibit containing one note of each denomination in each series that had been issued up to that time. Such a task should have been no problem at all for the folks who had designed, printed, issued and delivered much of the AMC and every MPC note ever used by our overseas military personnel between September, 1946 and the time of the convention in June, 1968.

When the BEP personnel (Virgil Almeida from the Plate Printing Department and another fellow whose name I can no longer recall) set up their MPC exhibit at the hotel, Freeman Craig noticed that several notes were omitted from what was to have been a complete exhibit of all AMC and MPCs at the time, and he also noticed that several certificates had been misidentified. The BEP checked its records in Washington, D.C. and determined that the exhibit was, in fact, incomplete and inaccurate. An urgent search was begun at the Bureau to locate the notes that were needed to make the exhibit complete.

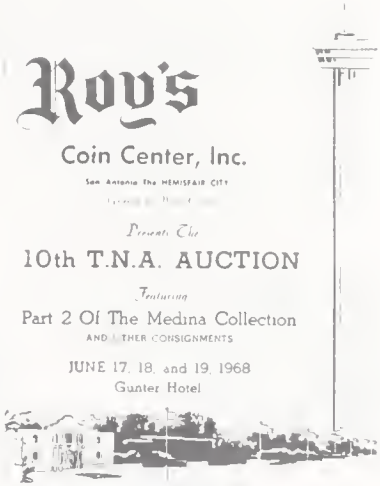
Although the BEP had designed and printed every single MPC ever issued, it had failed to retain examples of some denominations and/or series. Freeman Craig came to the rescue, providing the BEP with the needed specimens from his extensive personal stock of notes. I have often wondered how many times a collector or numismatist has had to come to the rescue of the U.S. Mint or BEP in this manner.

Even more excitement occurred after the MPC exhibit details were completed and the mechanics of the exhibit were finalized. Whyborn asked Director Conlon if there was some way that the Bureau could graphically demonstrate exactly how our paper money is actually printed. Until 1968, one had to go to Washington, D.C. and take a tour of the BEP facility to see paper money being printed. It had been printed exclusively in our nation's capital since 1862. Whyborn had been granted a rare privileged tour of the Bureau's printing facility in the mid-1960's and suggested to Conlon that the general public, and numismatists in particular, had a keen interest in the paper money manufacturing process that could not be satisfied by the conventional methods of reading pamphlets or books, or by viewing photographs. Furthermore, few could conveniently travel to Washington to see the process. After a brief discussion, the Director agreed and suggested that he try to bring a flat bed spider press to San Antonio to print some fiscal documents and souvenir cards with engraved plates.

The offer was contingent upon Whyborn being able to work out the logistics for the first trip ever out of Washington of a heavy press, classified inks and special security paper. Secure transportation, secret storage and extensive security had to be arranged; the hotel elevators and floor structure had to be inspected to ensure that they could safely accomodate the weight of the press; and doorways had to be measured to ensure everything could pass through and could be moved smoothly and safely. All of this had to be accomplished before a formal commitment would be made by the Bureau to actually participate. The task was not as easy as it sounds, since few people were to be informed of the plan, for security reasons. The Director was justifiably concerned because if anything went wrong, if an accident occurred, or if a security problem arose, any future requests for BEP involvement in numismatic events would be absolutely out of the question. Although Conlon didn't specifically mention it, he could also have lost his position at the Bureau, and would have had to answer to the Treasurer of the United States and to a Congressional Committee.

A career employee as a jet overhaul production manager and logistician at Kelly Air Force Base, Whyborn was able to coordinate a secure military airlift of the heavy press and sensitive printing materials and supplies from Washington to San Antonio. On-base security was no problem, but the actual off-base movement of the press to the Gunter Hotel in downtown San Antonio required the involvement of both local and federal law enforcement personnel. The

press was accompanied to the hotel by two BEP employees and was transported after work, when traffic was light in the downtown area and the number of onlookers was at a minimum. The entire operation was kept quiet so that there would be no curiosity seekers. In fact, few of the Convention Committee members even knew about the project until the printing press was actually in place, uncrated and being prepared for its initial test run. The presence of that press, Director Conlon and two skilled employees as special guests was a highlight of the 1968 TNA Convention, and no small task to acheive. It was the first time that the BEP had ever printed any type of fiscal or security document outside of Washington, D.C. It began a trend that has lasted for 25 years and has been enjoyed by millions of spectators. The Bureau still attends some numismatic and philatelic conventions of major proportions and performs printing demonstrations on the very same spider press, but it does limit its participation to only about eight events per year. Next time you see that press and its demonstration, please remember that it all started right here in Texas, specifically in San Antonio, by TNA members who wanted something very special and very different to honor the 10th TNA Convention, and who wanted something educational, interesting and unique for both numismatists and the public to enjoy and to remember.



The auction contained more than 1000 lots, over 130 of them illustrated by black and white photographs. World coins from Albania to the Windward Islands and everywhere (alphabetically) in between were offered in the sale. Ancient coins, United States coins from half cents through a gold type set, and over 30 items of "Texana" were also listed in the 48 page catalog. The attractive cover illustration, juxtaposing drawings of the Alamo and the HemisFair Tower, was also used for the cover of the convention program.

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The Historical Perspective

Jeffrey Jon Meyer

OH NO!! Not another column to read - and something to do with HISTORY at that!

Well, I hope this one will be a little more interesting than you may think, but to do that I need YOUR help. I have never written a column before, so any help will be greatly appreciated. Here's how to make this column something you will want to read. Scan your local paper, numismatic publications and any other media for newsworthy and interesting items about TNA, TNA members, or numismatics in or of Texas. Then (and this is the important part), send them to me for inclusion in the TNA historical archives. Hopefully, I will receive enough material from you to make this column a regular feature of the TNA News, allowing everyone to get a taste of Texas numismatic history as it is made. I'm sure there's a lot going on out there, but Texas is a big place, and you all need to keep me informed.

I would appreciate hearing from you, whether it's a news item, question, problem or suggestion. Please feel free to contact me by phone or by mail. I can be reached at:

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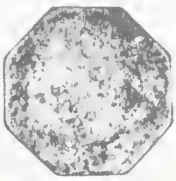
Our new TNA Historian, Jeffrey holds a B.S. in History from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. He is serious about chronicling TNA's history, and needs your help to do so. Drop him a line or give him a call, and watch this column for numismatic history "as it happens."



Calendar Of Events

Oct 2-3 **Beaumont, TX** 33 Tables
Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Fall Show
Jointly sponsored by Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur & Silsbee Clubs
Holiday Inn (Houston Room), Beaumont Plaza, 3950 I-10 South
Call: Jack Provost, (409) 385-9272

Oct 2-3 **Richardson, TX** 65 Tables
4th Annual North Dallas Coin & Stamp Show
Richardson Civic Center, 411 West Arapaho Road
Call: Joe Wade, (817) 485-1777

Oct 9 **McKinney, TX** **22 Tables**
Coin Show *sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club*
Steak Kountry Restaurant, Westgate Shopping Ctr, Exit 40 Hwy 75 N
Call: Gary Rollins, (214) 727-1566

Oct 15-17 **Houston, TX** 63 Tables
Coin Show *sponsored by Bill & Chris Johns*
Clarion Inn (formerly called the Radisson Intercontinental Airport Inn)
500 W. Sam Houston Parkway
Contact: Bill or Chris, PO Box 90156, Houston, TX 77290
(713) 896-4663 (daytime) or 444-2371 (evening)

Oct 16-17 **Abilene, TX** 40 Tables
Coin, Stamp and Card Show *sponsored by Key City Coin Club*
Civic Center, North 6th & Pine
Contact: Randall Thorton, (915) 695-5832
2155 South 1st, Abilene, TX 79605

Oct 18-24 **Mexico City, Mexico**
21st International Numismatic Convention
Sponsored by the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico
Aristos Hotel, Paseo de Reforma
Contact: Duane Douglas, Apartado 24-555, Mexico 7, D.F.
(phone: 01152 5 512-12-07; FAX: 01152 5 521-80-37) or
Don Bailey, PO Box B, Tekonsha, MI 49092
(phone: (517) 767-4748; FAX: (517) 767-4748)

Oct 23-24 **Tyler, TX** 40 Tables
CB Productions Sixth Show
Harvey Convention Center, 2000 West Front Street
Call: Tom Bennington, (903) 597-3138 or
Horace Cook, (903) 592-3607

Oct 30-31 **Fort Worth, TX** **56 Tables**
Forth Worth Coin Club 32nd Annual Show
Green Oaks Inn, I-30 & Green Oaks Road
Write: FWCC, 2218 W. Rosedale St South, Fort Worth, TX 76110
Call: Bob Slocum, (817) 923-5510 or Elleta Havens, (817) 626-6783

Nov 13-14 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner
Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

Nov 20 **Nacogdoches, TX** **35 Tables**
Coin, Sports Card & Comic Book Show
Sponsored by Fredonia Coin Club
Ramada Inn, Highway 59 South
Contact: Ken Wood, (409) 564-8294
412 E. Main, Nacogdoches, TX 75961

Nov 20-21 **Wichita Falls, TX** **35 Tables**
Annual Red River Coin & Stamp Show
Sponsored by Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp and Coin Club
Wichita Falls Activity Center, 610 10th Street, 2nd Floor
Call: Connolly R. O'Brien, Jr., (817) 692-4901
1503 Beverly, Wichita Falls, TX 76309

Nov 26-28 **Houston, TX** **63 Tables**
Coin Show *sponsored by the Pasadena Coin Club*
Hobby Airport Hilton, 8181 Airport Boulevard
Write: W.R. Chase c/o PCC, Box 58155, Houston, TX 77258

Dec 3-5 **Grapevine, TX** **110 Tables**
8th Annual Dallas Coin & Stamp Exposition
Sponsored by Heritage Rare Coin Galleries
DFW Hilton Executive Conference Center, Hwys 121 North & 26 East
Call: Mike Sherman, (214) 528-3500 or (800) 872-6467

Jan 22-23 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
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Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
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Feb 12 **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
Hidalgo Coin Club Coin & Collectible Show
Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W Kelly
Contact: Mike DiGennaro, (210) 425-3845
2001 N. Parkwood, Harlingen, TX 78550

Feb 18-20 **El Paso, TX**
International Coin Club of El Paso Annual Show
Quality Inn
Write: ICCOEP, PO Box 3535, El Paso, TX 79923

Feb 18-20 **Houston, TX** **120 Tables**
Greater Houston Coin Club's 37th Money Show
Adam's Mark Hotel, Westheimer at Briar Park
Contact: Byron Paris, (713) 558-1543
PO Box 42421, Houston, TX 77242-2421

Mar 12-13 **Corpus Christi, TX**
Corpus Christi Coin Club Show
Holiday Inn (Airport), 5549 Leopard Street
Write: CCCC Show, PO Box 10053, Corpus Christi, TX 78460-0053
Call: Dave Peterson, (512) 851-9182 or Dave Burke, (512) 241-0348

Mar 19-20 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner
Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

Mar 19-20 **Lubbock, TX** **50 Tables**
South Plains Coin Club 34th Annual Show
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street
Write: SPCC Show Chairman, PO Box 6383, Lubbock, TX 79493

Mar 26-27 **Waco, TX** **70 Tables**
16th Annual Waco Coin & Stamp Show
Sponsored by Waco Coin Club, Inc. & Heart of Texas Stamp Club, Inc.
Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue
Contact: Dalton Adams, (817) 776-6655
PO Box 8773, Waco, TX 76714-8773

Apr 28-May 1 **Fort Worth, TX** **160 Tables**
Texas Numismatic Association 36th Convention
Tarrant County Convention Center, 111 Houston Street
Call: Chris Keogh or Everett Hull, (817) 339-1782

May 14-15 **San Antonio, TX** **35 Tables**
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May 28-29 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
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Sponsored by Shreveport Coin Club
Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Road
Call: Joe Notini, (318) 631-1315

Sep 17-18, 1994 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner
Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

Nov 19-20, 1994 **Dallas, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show
Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner
Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)
Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

Secretary's Notes

Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members # 5804 - 5831. The following have applied for membership. If approved, they will become members November 1, 1993:

R-5832 {D-07} George Fraige, 2634 W. Kings Highway, San Antonio, TX 78228. Gordon Haegelin.

R-5833 {D-08} Kenneth Banks, 515 W. 15th Street, Bishop, TX 78343 David Burke.

R-5834 {D-PA} Wayne K. Homren, 1810 Antietam Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Numismatic literature and ephemera, counterstamped colonials. Bob Metzger.

R-5835 {D-LA} Richard Self, 855 Pierremont Road #123, Shreveport, LA 71106. American coins and collectibles. Frank Clark.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Grant

REPORT FOR 7/5/93 - 9/5/93

Beginning balance from July 5, 1993	$	32,294.23
less encumbered funds		(11,907.16)
RECEIPTS		
Dues	$	190.00
Journal Ads		487.00
Medal Sales		117.00
Interest		76.78
TOTAL	$	870.78
DISBURSEMENTS		
Secretary Allowance	$	300.00
Secretary Expenses		165.20
Editor Allowance		150.00
Editor Expenses		206.16
Medals Officer Expenses		14.43
TNA News Printing Costs		930.70
TOTAL	$	1,766.49
AVAILABLE BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	$	14,491.36
ENCUMBERED FUNDS		
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	$	1,068.25
TNA Memorial Library Fund		692.58
Life Membership C.D. Account		10,146.33
C.D.		5,000.00
TOTAL	$	16,907.16
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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I

The **Fort Worth Coin Club**'s annual watermelon party was held in July in the backyard of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Luke. A good time was had by all 22 people in attendance.

In August, the club met at its usual meeting location, in the Botanic Gardens Twenty people were present. The most important business was the display of coins for the upcoming club show, to be held October 30-31. Dr. Robert Malley gave a program on coin designers, focusing on Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, chief designer of U.S. commemoratives between 1981 and 1990.

--Cleo Moss, club Secretary

DISTRICT IV

The summer months have been hot and dry, and attendance at **Austin Texas Coin Club** meetings has been somewhat low as a result. On June 8, fourteen members were present to hear a most interesting program by Francis Smith. Francis talked about the Seated Liberty dollar and had a beautiful example to show everyone.

The July 13 meeting had an attendance of twelve. There was a Show and Tell session, and Owen Smith gave a program on money slang in Great Britain.

Fourteen people turned out for the August 10 meeting. Lyman Bartee gave a report on the ANA convention and Harry Barnette reported on the club's 34th annual Money Mart, to be held September 18-19. Jack Moir presented a program on half dimes and passed around a nearly complete set. Only a few of the real rarities were missing.

--Lyman Bartee, TNA District IV Governor

Fifteen members of the **Capital City Coin Club** attended the August 19 meeting at the North Loop Library in Austin. Club president Jefferey Meyer announced that club vice president Brian Jones would henceforth take care of mailing the postcards reminding members of meetings. J.C. Wang made a suggestion that profits from the summer club show be used to buy numismatic books and/or videos for use by club members. After a variety of suggestions regarding the management of these (and already extant) educational materials, a committee consisting of Owen Smith, J.C. and Brain was formed to study the possibilities They agreed to report back with a list of suggested materials to acquire, and

some ideas about whether they would be best managed by the club, a local library, or some other entity. Next on the agenda, Harry Barnette was appointed to make arrangements for the annual Christmas dinner at the Best Western Hotel. The final business item was the formation of a a committee, including Harry, Owen and Brian, to nominate a slate of officers for 1994. Show and Tell followed, with J.C. displaying a first printing dollar bill, Owen passing around and talking about a book on the Parthian people and coins (a specialty of his), Bob Metzger sharing the story of a well-worn large cent which was counterstamped for him at the 1993 EAC (Early American Coppers) convention in Dallas, and Jefferey showing off some Canadian souvenir dollars. At Brian and Jefferey's urging, Bob also talked a little about his experiences at the July ANA convention in Baltimore. The meeting wrapped up after a seemingly interminable auction of 15 items, called by Moton (Butch) Crockett III.

--Bob Metzger, reporter

The July 1 **Williamson County Coin Club** meeting was attended by seven members. There was no business to go over, and instead of a program, there was a round table discussion on counterfeiting. Club president Gabe Proctor, just back from a trip to Germany, talked about German methods for preventing counterfeiting, and asked some questions pertaining to the subject. After each, he left the floor open for debate. This got rather lively at times. Later on, the conversation drifted to other channels.

The August 5 meeting was attended by eight members. Gabe brought up some new business, which had to do with the club's charitable contribution policy. A round table discussion of slabbing followed, mixed with talk about coin investors and collectors, grading, and the value of a coin. It was postulated that if slabbing is done right, it protects a coin from damage. On the other hand, it was thought that coins are hard to grade once they are slabbed. On the whole, it was a very informative and educational conversation.

Nine members and two guests attended the September 2 meeting. The video "Morgan Dollar Analysis" served as the evening's program. The speaker (on the video), Mike Fuljenz, talked about the investment qualities of Morgan dollars. He also made some good points about lighting while grading coins, and about grading services. Afterwards, there was a discussion of the program and various other topics.

The WCCC wants to remind everyone that its meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, at Christ Lutheran Church in Georgetown. For more information, call (512) 863-7082.

--Erin Davis, club Secretary

DISTRICT V

The 781st meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club** was held on June 17, with

twenty-five members and two guests present. Both guests, Chris and Lori Blaha, were voted into the club as its newest members. Vice president Joe Barthold thanked everyone for their support with club programs, which are currently scheduled through December. Joe encouraged speakers to sign up now for next year. Maurice Bond stated that he had talked with Mark Shroeder about the club show scheduled for October, and that Mark has found a location for it on Central Expressway. John Creviston mentioned that he and a number of other members have picked up some choice numismatic books at local half price bookstores. Joe showed a very good slide program on ships and boats on modern coins. He showed coins having boats and ships as primary or secondary devices, and others having them as elements of coats of arms. A very informative synopsis of Joe's program appeared in the club newsletter. An auction of 15 items netted the club $4.95.

Nineteen members attended the July 15 meeting. A cash-prize raffle was announced for the September meeting, with 70% of ticket revenue going to the winner and 30% going to the club. Congratulations were extended to Hal Cherry, the new club ANA representative. Hal reported that he had attended an IRS auction and that there were some good coin deals, but that a lot of coins sold for more than they were worth. Frank Clark gave a report on the International Paper Money Show in Memphis, which he attended. He is trying to get a slide program from one of the speakers there, for use at a future club meeting. Frank also brought membership applications for the Society of Paper Money Collectors and TNA, as well as publications from both organizations for distribution to club members. It was announced that plans for an October club show were still unsettled, due to the high cost of facilities. Plans were announced for setting up a club table at the upcoming DFW Metroplex Coin and Card Show, to sell raffle tickets for a gold coin and to hand out fliers to potential new members. The evening's program was on chop marked foreign coins, by Bob Richter. He brought a large number of examples, mostly world crowns. He told how the marks were intended to protect against debased and/or counterfeit coins. Bob cited the book, Chop Marks, by F.M. Rose, as the only definitive published work on the subject. Bob shared an extensive amount of information on the subject, and the club newsletter carried a very comprehensive and informative summary of Bob's talk. The meeting closed with an auction, earning the club $12.42 on thirty-four items.

The club wants everyone to know that it has a new mailing address: Dallas Coin Club, 6490 Central Av, North Richland Hills, TX 76180. The club continues to meet, as usual, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Dallas International Center, 6033 Berkshire #8 (Preston Center).
--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

Michael Wartberg, Sr. called the July 13 meeting of the **Garland Coin Club** to order with fourteen members and one guest in attendance.

There was a short discussion of the club's unwritten auction rules, all those present agreed that the policy to only allow club members to put up action lots is fair to everyone. Michael announced that he is spearheading a promotion in the form of "Garland Coin Club Bucks." A desgin will need to be approved by the club, and at least the time and location of club meetings will be listed Other possible information to include would be the club's purpose, and perhaps its history. The evening's program was by Tim Lee on Walking Liberty half dollars. He passed his collection around for all to see, and told the history of the issue, including information about the designer, Adolph A. Weinman. Highlights of the program appeared in the club newsletter. After Tim's informative talk, an auction earned the club a commission of $4.30.

Fifteen members were present for the August 10 meeting. They were disappointed to learn that the club's show, scheduled for October 30, had been cancelled. It had been learned that the Fort Worth Coin Club show was to be held the same weekend, and no facilities were available at such a late date to reschedule the GCC show. Fortunately, expenses for the show had thus far been minimal. As a result of all this, it was decided that the date for the March 1994 GCC show would be set before the next meeting, and the show listing publicized as soon as possible. An announcement was made that Heritage is going to have a show from December 3-5 at the DFW Executive Hilton in Grapevine, the same site as this year's Early American Coppers convention. It will be billed as the 8th Annual Dallas Coin Exposition. There will be an auction at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3, with lot viewing on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The next item on the agenda was the "Garland Coin Club Bucks" promotion; after a few minor design changes, approval was given to have 1000 printed. The notes will be printed on parchment paper at no extra cost, and will be serial numbered They will be in green ink, with red numbers if possible. A seal will also appear on the note, in an as yet to be determined color. Some of the lowest number notes will be put aside and auctioned at future club meetings. Two mini-programs were given at the evening's meeting, with Winston Arivett speaking on the history of the club and J.R. Davis discussing full split band Mercury dimes. Winston pointed out that the club has had four different names: the Mesquite Coin Club, the Mesquite/Balch Springs Coin Club, the Mesquite Coin Club (once again) and finally the Garland Coin Club. Founded in 1959, the club last changed names in1974. Included in J.R.'s program were words of warning from the Breen encyclopedia on retooled bands and information on how the grading services arrive at the full split band determination. Both Winston's and J.R.'s talks were nicely summarized in the club's newsletter. Wrapping up the meeting was an auction of numismatic items, including an Illinois commemorative half dollar, fractional and postage currency, hard times and civil war tokens, Ike dollars, mint medals, a two-cent piece, some reading material and a

group of well worn Seated Liberty quarters. The auction earned $5.60 in commissions for the club's treasury.

The club reminds everyone that its meetings are held at the Garland Women's Building, Austin and Glenbrook, at 8:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

--club newsletter (Ron Blaha, editor)

DISTRICT VII

Fourteen people attended the July 9 **Alamo Coin Club** meeting, which was conducted by Walter Clavette. Porter Montgomery was welcomed back after a lapse in his club membership. Show and Tell featured a variety of items. Lacewell showed a German Ghetto token, issued in 1943 for use in the Lotz, Poland Concentration Camp, as well as a very deep relief medal from the Bavarian mint honoring Pope Pius XI. Clavette passed around a 1993 ANA auction catalog, in case anyone wanted to send in a bid. Jenkins showed a 4" diameter cast coaster replica of an Indian cent. Gale brought a good grade counterfeit 1799 large cent, hard to detect except definitely overweight. Eiserloh had a Korean won (KM27) that he received as change in Italy, a bimetallic Italian 500 lire (KM111), and a Tuscany 5 quattrini coin of 1830 (CR65). Visitor Roy Dunstan, from Lismore, New South Wales, Australia, a member of the Australian Numismatic Society, told about the recent transition of some Australian currency from paper to plastic and showed members a plastic 5 dollar note, which definitely had a different "feel" to it. The new notes should be much more difficult to counterfeit. The meeting ended with an auction, called by Walter. 23 of the 33 auction lots sold.

The July 22 meeting was attended by a total of 13 people, including visitors. Walter Clavette was presented with a plaque honoring him for his many services to the club over the past few years, including serving as president, show manager, editor and auctioneer. Show and Tell was again quite popular. Lutz had an Italian pre-WWII agriculture token. Montgomery showed a collection of 19 Mexican Hacienda tokens and an ANS book about them. Case presented a Franklin Mint silver Presidents Medals set, Washington through Nixon. Eiserloh showed an uncirculated 25 cents fractional currency note (Friedberg 1281), depicting five 5-cent postage stamps, and he also showed a philatelic montage, presenting a considerable departure from the usual 3-cent Whistler's Mother stamp. The auction, the last to be conducted by Walter before moving to Utah, sold 30 of 53 lots.

Twelve people were present at the August 12 meeting, which was conducted by Robert Lacewell. President Wayne Gordon combined an in depth report on the ANA convention with an extensive display of items he brought back from the show, including souvenir medals, a "world passport" of coins that he had signed by various mint directors in attendance, auction catalogs and personal coin purchases. He had

everyone wishing that they had been there. At the round table session, John B. showed a set of Canadian Province 25 cent commemoratives. An auction, conducted by Harold Eiserloh, saw 24 of 30 lots sell.

Only nine were present for the August 26 meeting, including new member Frank C., who learned of the club through Alamo Heights Coin Shop. Harold conducted the informal meeting, which was held in the small dining room at the Maverick Cafe, due to the usual meeting room being tied up by a party of 60. Without the privacy of the regular room, many of the normal meeting activites were suspended; trading and discussion between individuals was conducted instead.

The August and September club newsletters had some additional items of note. The new slate of club officers was listed, as follows: President, Wayne Gordon; 1st V.P., Robert Lacewell; 2nd V.P., Harold Eiserloh; Secretary, Robert Jenkins; Past President, Robert Lacewell; Board Members, John Blacketer, Bob Downs and Pyron Coryell; the Treasurer's post was not filled. It was reported that Harold Eiserloh is recovering well from a mild heart attack and a successful angioplasty procedure. Also, club members were urged to contact radio station KSTX-FM in San Antonio and urge management to carry the weekly ANA radio spot "Money Talks." Kudos go out to these long-time Alamo News advertisers: Alamo Heights Coin Shop, Dellview Coins & Jewlery, Inc. and Rufer's Coin Company. Be sure to look up these supportive folks when you are in San Antonio!

--club newsletter, The Alamo News (Harold Eiserloh, editor)

The July 1 **Gateway Coin Club** meeting was attended by twenty-one members. Visitors present that evening were Pam Yates, Maria and Kathryn Dracopolous and Sharon Bailey, of California. The main topic of business was the 1994 coin show. Members participating in the round table discussion were Bob Rogers, Ed Witt, Cliff Valley, Don Bailey and Robert Lacewell. The meeting closed with a numismatic auction conducted by Walter Clavette.

Twenty-two member and four visitors were present at the July 15 meeting. The membership welcomed Barbara DeViney, Kathryn and Maria Dracopolous and Pam Yates. Robert Lacewell appointed a nominating committee to select a slate of club officers for 1993-1994. The committee, comprised of Miriam Gilmore, Karla Galindo and Py Coryell, agreed to announce its recommendations at the second meeting in August. The dates of May 14-15 were approved for the club's 1994 show. A special thanks was expressed for a donation of 100 stamped envelopes, to be used to mail the club newsletter, by Ed Witt. It was announced that Wayne Gordon would be the club's representative at the ANA convention in Baltimore, and would present a report to the club on the convention and his participation in the numerous daily numismatic activities and meetings The educational program was given by Robert Lacewell. He presented a brief history of U.S. paper money, early

banking, and the Secret Service's role in combating counterfeiters. Robert also explained how paper money is produced at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It was a very informative and educational program. Walter Clavette, who will be moving to Utah due to a job transfer, donated a note book to the club auction, with the proceeds going to the club treasury. The meeting closed with a mini-auction conducted by Walter.

The August 5 auction meeting was enjoyed by sixteen members and two visitors. The evening's visitors were Pam Yates and Joan Grover's mother, Elizabeth Dalton. The auction was conducted in two parts, the first by Doc and the second by Robert. Bidding was very active in both sessions.

The August 19 meeting was opened with nineteen members and two visitors, Dottie Wilcox and Elizabeth Dalton, in attendance. Miriam Gilmore announced the nominating committee's slate of officers: President, Frank Galindo; V.P., Don Hunter; Treasurer, Raymond Tate; and Secretary, Marianne Hunter Raymond confirmed the 1994 show dates as May 14-15. The club received a thank you letter from Rufus Miller, banquet manager at the Oak Hills Motor Inn. The evening's educational program was presented by Wayne Gordon. He gave a report on the ANA convention, bringing along a number of souvenirs to show everyone during his talk. The souvenirs included coins, tokens, catalogs and booklets. This was Wayne's first trip to the ANA convention, and he was so impressed that he is planning to go to next year's convention also. The meeting concluded with a brisk mini-auction with Doc acting as auctioneer. He kept the auction lively and the bidding competitive.

It was announced in the September-October club newsletter that, beginning at the September 2 meeting and continuing through several months, Doc Grover would be auctioning numerous lots of foreign coins from a large collection he recently purchased Included will be coins from Africa, China, Great Britain, Japan, South America, France, Israel, Iran, and many other places. On September 2, a complete set of Russian Olympic silver coins, housed in a special album, was to be offered. It is anticipated that there will be a lot of exciting auctions and great buys over the next few months.

It was also reported in the newsletter that no injuries were sustained by the members who participated in the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain, except for a blister on Ed Witt's big toe. It seems that his new running shoes had not been broken in completely. An artist's rendering showed either Py or Don, clad in a GCC t-shirt, turning cartwheels in front of a bull, with either Robert or Frank running along behind the bull. (The TNA News editor notes that the person guilty of throwing the bull was not depicted.)

--club newsletter, The Gatepost (Frank Galindo, editor)

DISTRICT VIII

The **Corpus Christi Coin Club** has decided to once again hold its 1994 spring show at the Airport Holiday Inn. Dates selected are March 12 and 13. Final plans for the limited issue Las Carabeles medals are now being formulated. The design submitted by club member Dave Peterson seems to meet the club's approval. The highlights of recent club meetings seem to be the round table discussions that range from slabbed coins to the price of gold and silver. Another topic has been the lack of attendance at the meetings, and how to get the collectors to come out. According to the CCCC club newsletter, the Kingsville Coin Club reports that members will pass out fliers at coin shows and talk to dealers to see if there is any interest in a one-day show in Kingsville, on the Sunday following the El Campo one-day show. Included in the newsletter was a questionaire prepared by club president Rick Roberson, asking members how the club can best serve their needs.
--club newsletter

DISTRICT IX

The July 5 **South Plains Coin Club** meeting was conducted by V.P. Hanson Ling in the absence of President Frank Hezmall. Twenty-three members were present, and John Caraway was welcomed as a new member. The members voted to list the club's meetings in the TNA News Club Directory and to list the March 19-20, 1994 club show in the Calendar of Events *(C'mon everyone, check out those listings out and support these fine folks! - ed.)* . David McCowan gave an interesting program about collecting BU coin rolls. David passed out charts showing prices of BU rolls over the last 20 years. He emphasized that proper storage is a must, and described the methods needed for long-time safe storage. An auction was conducted by Jacobs and Ling.

A large turnout, totalling 40 members and guests, attended the August 2 meeting. The guest speaker was Rev. Scott Blazek from Clovis, New Mexico. Mr. Blazek is the designer of the James Madison Bill of Rights five dollar gold coin. He told of the design process, from the first drawing submitted, to revisions, to plaster mold, to the die cutting, to the actual finished product. Mr. Blazek made several trips and telephone calls to Philadelphia during this period. Due to the length of the program, the business portion of the meeting was postponed until September. A short auction was held by Jacobs and Ling.

Twenty-seven members were present at the September 6 meeting, which was conducted by Bobby McMichael. E.L. Pitzer gave a TNA report and asked the TNA members if anyone had anything they wanted brought up at the September 19 board meeting in Austin. There was no response. Herman Jacobs volunteered to head up the club show, to be held March 19-20, 1994. Bourse table applications and fliers have been printed and committee assignments were scheduled to begin at the next meeting. Greg Chronholm gave an interesting program and slide show on

German and Hungarian inflation currency. An auction was held by Jacobs and Ling.
--Lamonte Pitzer, TNA District IX Governor

DISTRICT X

In June, for the first time in several years, the **El Paso International Coin Club** issued a newsletter. Its stated purpose was to keep members apprised of past, present and future activities of the club, and an ongoing monthly or bimonthly publication schedule was anticipated. Members were urged to check the top line of their mailing label to determine when their memberships will expire. The following officers were announced for 1993-1994: President, Ken Price; V.P., Bill Boutwell; Treasurer, Vicente Vita; Secretary, Helen Boutwell; Sgt. at Arms, Otto Audirsch. Two new board members were elected to two-year terms: Jim Karam and Millard Brown; current board members Ray Barajas and Jim Thomas each have a year of their terms remaining. There was also a report on the club's annual family picnic, held on May 23 at the Biggs Field Park. About 40 people enjoyed their choice of New York Cut steaks, barbequed chicken, hamburgers or hot dogs. Jim Thomas served as chef, and the labor crew consisted of the Boutwells, Jim Karam, Al Aranda, Ken Price, Ray Barajas, Henry Gonzalez, and Millard Brown. It was announced that Walt Woelper will serve as Club Representative to the TNA for the next two years. Club members who have let their TNA memberships lapse were urged to renew right away. As the far west anchor of the TNA, it is hoped that the club can "effect a greater interest in the educational and hobby aspects of coin and currency collecting."

Thirty-three members turned out at the Ballroom on Montana St. for the July 1 meeting. This was the first meeting at this new location. The meeting was highlighted by an auction of 40 lots. The same number of members turned out for the July 15 meeting, along with two guests, W.L. Timmons and Aden Daughartz. Walt Woelper gave a very interesting talk on early Philippines coins and currency, followed by so-called Browse Night. Everyone enjoyed themselves at both meetings.

The club meets at 7:30 at the Plaza del Sol, 9828 Montana St., in the Ballroom at the rear of Valley Feed and Supply, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. There is an auction at the first monthly meeting and educational events at the second. Come, and bring a friend!
--club newsletter and Helen C. Boutwell, club Secretary

DISTRICT XI

The **Golden Spread Coin Club**'s July 27 newsletter reported that the club's July 10-11 show was a success. It was one of the most problem-free shows ever, due to advanced preparation, smooth processing and great cooperation between members and dealers. The educational forums went well and were well received. Special thanks were

expressed to Scott Blazek and Dave Cervin. Of special note also was the great food, which was an almost endless topic of discussion among the dealers. Thanks for help at the show went out to Tom and Lisa Thompson, Terry, Kerry and Mr. Dittrich, Bill and Jason Vinson, Rose Lemons and Lola King. The newsletter also announced that the annual club picnic would be held on Sunday, September 12 at Sam Houston Park. Darrell, Pam and R.C. Tiptons were welcomed back to Amarillo, and invited back to the club. Two new members, Paula Winkles and Mike Reardon, were welcomed. A coin trivia quiz challenged newsletter readers. The issue's Member Highlight was on Jim Hall, who started collecting as a child, renewed his interest while living as an adult in Thailand, then renewed it once again about two years ago while living in Dodge City, Kansas. He now lives in Amarillo, works as an X-Ray technician, and collects English three pence, with additional interests in half dimes, bust coins and paper money.

The August 30 newsletter announced that Nela Runkle sold the most advance tickets for the gold piece that was raffled at the show, and that Paula White sold the winning ticket. Each was presented with a B.U. 1923 Peace dollar for her efforts. The program at the August meeting was by Jerry Davidson. It was the story of the first U.S. five cent nickel, the 1866. Show and Tell participants included Homer Dotts, with counterfeit 1876 CC quarters; Tommy Tompkins, who showed some designs on world coins that have been used for longer that the current U.S. coin designs; and special guest Jurgen Wellner (from Germany) showed some Czechoslovakian coins since the country's breakup, along with a few other world coins. Other guests at the meeting were Ben Harris, Terry Dittrich and Art Tollett. The Member Highlight for the month was on Jim and Rachael Laub. Jim started collecting in junior high school, most recently getting interested in modern United States commemoratives. Rachael, his daughter, will be three years old in November. She collects collector plates, proof sets, stamps and first day covers. Wife and mom Sherry works nights, and is unable to attend the club meetings.

The club meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 in the Presidents Room in the basement of the First National Bank, 8th and Taylor in Amarillo. Everyone is invited to attend.

--club newsletter (Nela Runkle, editor)

DISTRICT XIII

The **Greenbelt Coin Club** did not meet as scheduled on July 5, due to the 3-day holiday weekend. The club ordinarily meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30, in the Vernon Housing Authority office, 1111 Ross St., Vernon. All members and interested persons are urged to be there. For more information, call club secretary Carl Flores at (817) 552-5392.

--Raymond E. Whyborn, District XIII Governor

Twenty-one people attended the July meeting of the **Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin Club**. They discussed plans for the annual Red River Coin Show, to be held November 20-21 at the Wichita Falls Activity Center, 610 10th Street, in downtown Wichita Falls. The show will be dedicated to the memory of Logan Essex, who passed away earlier this year. Connolly O'Brien will be the show chairman again this year. Even though tables have sold out each of the past three years, the club voted to reduce the price of bourse tables this year as a courtesy to the loyal dealers who have supported the show for so long. The meeting ended with an auction of coins and stamps, conducted by E.B. "Robby" Robinson.

--Raymond E. Whyborn, District XIII Governor

DISTRICT XIV

In June, the **Hidalgo Coin Club** of the Rio Grande Valley had a program on the Mexican 1914 Huerta Peso, presented by junior member Nicole DiGennaro. Norma Mather, Helen Snider and Mike DiGennaro gave reports on their attendance at the TNA convention and meetings in Fort Worth. Norma presented and reviewed her TNA exhibit for the members. The usual lively auction included 10 numismatic books donated by long-time members Fred and Lucille Brooks. These books brought in $52.00 for the club treasury.

The July and August meetings were well attended, and included numismatic discussions and auctions.

--Helen Snider, TNA District XIV Governor

DISTRICT XV

The June 17 meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club** was called to order by Judy Matherne. The pledge was led by Rosemary Moore. It was announced that the Orange Coin Club had set up a display of world coins in the Orange Library. The evening's program was by Judy, on 1853 large cents. Judy told of the 33 varieties for the year, with no proofs and no high rarities. She also related how copper coins need to be oiled and brushed to be preserved. Finally, it was reported that plans for the upcoming coin show are going strong, with reservations still coming in.

The July 15 meeting was called to order by John Barnes. William Shaver was voted in as a new member. Members were urged to contact Mr. Balentine at KVLU to get the ANA's "Money Talks" program aired on that station. Members were solicited for ideas on how to advertise the upcoming fall show. The program was by Jack Provost, on 1925 Norse medals. He reported that 33,600 thick silver medals, 6,000 thin silver medals and 100 gold medals were made, along with other interesting facts about the issue.

The club meets on the third Thursday of the month, at 7:00, at the Holidome, IH-10 at Walden Road.

--Rosemary Moore, club Secretary

Vice President Barbara Edwards presided over the July meeting of the **Greater Orange Coin Club**, with seven members and two visitors in attendance. Both visitors, Terry Benoit and Lester Lulfer, became members, raising the membership tally to twelve. John reported on the exhibit at the local library, while John and Jerry both reported on the state of readiness regarding the autumn show, scheduled for October 2-3. Barbara reported on the radio show "Money Talks" and played a demo tape sent to her from the ANA. She also dealt with the matter of the club's ballot for election of ANA officers. John demonstrated the importance of carefully examining coin purchases by displaying a 1993 proof set with a defect across Kennedy's head.

--club newsletter, Actalitterae Societas Nummaria de Orange, Texas (Bill Emerson, editor)

Sixteen members and one visitor attended the July 1 meeting of the **Port Arthur Coin Club**. Libby Seholm joined the club as the newest junior member. Libby collects animal coins, Lincoln cents and Jefferson nickels. Members were encouraged to call radio station KVLU and ask the station to air the ANA "Money Talks" show. Jerry and Barbara met with Mr. Balentine of KVLU, but he was not convinced that there is sufficient interest. It was hoped that a telephone campaign by club members would demonstrate that there is interest. Some new ideas were expressed for promoting the upcoming show. A TV interview, a free Sunday seminar, and a "coin drop" of inexpensive obsolete U.S. coins throughout local businesses were some of the suggestions. The concept and cost of the coin drop was approved by the club, and it was hoped that, in combination with a TV interview, it would prove to be an excellent and cost effective way to promote the show. An additional suggestion was made by Ray Gannaway to include a readily identifiable variety in the drop for which a door prize would be offered in exchange. This idea was also supported by the club. The evening's progam was by Jim Eldrige, on his impressions as to the cause of the pre-WWII period of inflation in Germany. John Barnes once again stumped club members with his "Did Ya Knows." The monthly club newsletter was mailed by editor Ken Seholm from the 102nd ANA convention in Baltimore, and carried a very attractive and unusual cancellation celebrating the show.

Sixteen people, including newest club member R K. Lee, attended the August 5 meeting. It was noted that 6 of the 33 club members were able to attend this year's ANA convention in Baltimore. They reported that the ANA show was attended by more than 15,000 people and featured 400 dealer tables, educational seminars and display exhibits. A tour of the Smithsonian allowed some to view two 1804 silver dollars and a 1913 V nickel. Club junior member David Seholm won a WWII commemorative half dollar in the U.S. Mint's Column of Coins contest's junior division. His guess of 110,028 coins was only 1,041 off

the actual total of 108,987. Other business discussed at the evening's meeting included an announcement that the Christmas dinner will be held at Dorothy's Front Porch on December 2. John reported that 22 tables had been sold for the Southeast Texas show to be held at the Holidome on October 2-3. A new feature, "My Favorite Coin," was begun at the meeting, with Mr. McManus reporting on his 1797 large copper two pence, which he has had for many years and which he believes is uncirculated. Jerry gave the evening's program, a talk on U.S. Commemoratives, with a focus on the 13 varieties of the Texas commemorative half dollar, issued from 1934 to 1938 at all three mints. Jerry pointed out that two-thirds of the 144 pre-1982 commemoratives have mintages below 30,000, leading him to recommend them as good investments. John complemented Jerry's program with some "Did Ya Knows" about the same coins.
--club newsletter, Dollars and Cents (Ken Seholm, editor)

The **Silsbee Coin Club** held its monthly meeting June 29 with Jerry Williams presiding. Zeke Provost had a fire call at the last minute and was unable to attend. Art Larkin led the 12 members and 4 visitors present in the pledge to the flag. The visitors were Anthony Provost and Larry, Chelsea and Tara Cawley. Bill Stein was unable to attend, but he asked Art Larkin to pick up any material brought to the meeting for the annual club auction, to be held at the July meeting. The club voted to have John Barnes cast the club's ballot for the ANA election. John also brought an article from the newspaper about the exhibit the Orange Coin Club had at their local library. After some discussion, it was decided to have Jack Provost look into the Silsbee club doing one. Due to Zeke's sudden and unexpected absence, there was no program; instead, a recording of an ANA "Money Talks" radio program was played by Barbara Edwards.

The July 27 meeting was called to order by President Zeke Provost. There was one guest present; Kay Crain, who came with Ed White. Minutes for the meeting were taken by Judy Matherne, since Barbara Edwards was away at the ANA convention. The show committee reported commitments for 22 tables, including local dealers. General attitude and feelings about the show are very optimistic. John Barnes mentioned the possibility of doing a coin drop as a means of promoting the show. Jack Provost announced that Art Larkin's granddaughter had been killed in an auto accident in July. Donations may be made to the Emily Larkin Scholarship Fund. Jack made a motion, which was seconded by Judy, that the Silsbee club donate $30.00 to the fund. A card expressing everyone's sympathy was also sent by the club to Art and Aileen. The annual auction was held, with Bob Jenkins acting as auctioneer. The auction consisted of 18 wonderful lots.
--club newsletter (Barbara Edwards, editor)

DISTRICT XVII

There were twenty-four people present for the July 8 meeting of the **Waco Coin Club**. In the absence of the president, club vice president Don Miller presided. The club welcomed its newest member, Buddy Brantley of Meridian. This brought the total number of 1993 members to fifty-five. Mal Lucas presented the Show and Tell program for the evening, displaying two framed sets of Columbian Exposition memorabilia. Contained in the sets were examples of the commemorative half dollar and each of the various admission tickets for the expo. Mal related that he purchased the sets at an FDIC auction. He also passed around an error one dollar Federal Reserve note, with the reverse design overprinted upside down on the obverse. A spirited auction concluded the meeting.

Twenty-five members attended the club's third quarterly swap night on August 12. Welcomed back after a long absence was Tommy Vick of Meridian. Among the items that changed hands during the trading was a nineteenth century unofficial English pattern coin known as a Model Penny, a bimetallic piece consisting of a copper planchet with a tiny silver coin embedded in the center. While auctioning a CC silver dollar, club president Glenn Hardin conducted an impromptu quiz on nineteenth century U.S. mintmarks. The auction concluded the meeting.

--J.P. Jones, club Secretary

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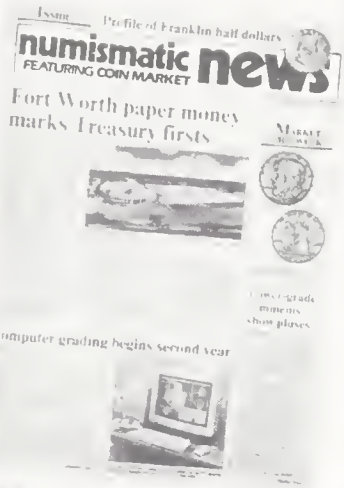

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